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THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF

The British Medical Association,

TORONTO, CANADA, AUGUST 21st to 25th, 1906.

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PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by Sir JAMES BARR, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, M.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.

An Address in Obstetrics will be delivered by WALTER SPENCER ANDERSON GRIFFITH, M.D., F.R.C.P.

THE SECTIONS.

There will be 13 Sections as shown in the subjoined list: they will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of each Section constitute a Committee of Reference for that Section.

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No paper must exceed 15 minutes in reading, and no subsequent speech 10 minutes.

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PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1906.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Meetings of Sections.
2.30 p.m.—Address on Obstetrics, Dr. W. S. A. Griffith.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
8 p.m.—Address of Welcome; Introduction of Guests, Delegates, etc.; and President's Address.
9.30 p.m.—Reception by the Lieutenant-Governor in the Parliament Buildings.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Meetings of Sections.
2.30 p.m.—Address on Medicine, Sir James Barr, M.D.

4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
8.30 p.m.—Address on Surgery, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S.
9.30 p.m.—Reception.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Sectional Meetings.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—General Meetings.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
Excursions.
8.30 p.m.—Soirée.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

Excursions to Niagara Power Company's plant, through the courtesy of Sir Henry M. Pellatt.
Excursion to Muskoka.
Excursion to Lambton, through the courtesy of the President, Mr. Austin.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Council held, by kind permission of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, in their Board Room, on Wednesday, January 17th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon,

Present:

Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE, Chairman of Council, in the Chair.
Mr. G. C. FRANKLIN, President.
Dr. WILLIAM COLLIER, Past-President.
Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, F.R.S., Chairman of Representative Meetings.
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Dr. NORMAN WALKER, Edinburgh.
Dr. ARTHUR T. WEAR, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. WILSON, C.B., R.A.M.C., Farnborough.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed and circulated and no objection received, were taken as read and signed as correct.

APOLOGIES.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Dr. M. Beverley, Dr. D. Burgess, Professor Byers, Dr. James Hamilton, Dr. R. McKenzie Johnston, Dr. C. H. Milburn, Dr. J. Murray, Dr. J. Maxwell Ross, and Fleet Surgeon J. Lloyd Thomas, R.N.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The GENERAL SECRETARY reported that the South Wales and Monmonthshire Branch had returned Dr. T. D. Griffiths as its Representative on the Council vice Colonel Cresswell, C.B., deceased, and that the New Zealand Branch had returned Dr. Haines as its Representative on the Council.

Colonel David Bruce, C.B., F.R.S., Representative of the Cape of Good Hope (Eastern Province and Western Province) Branches, attended the Council for the first time.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Read acknowledgments to the resolutions of condolence passed at the last meeting of the Council relative to the deaths of Sir John Burdon-Sanderson, Bart., F.R.S., and Dr. Somerville, which were ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS.

Read acknowledgments to the resolutions of congratulation to Sir James Barr, Sir Thomas Chavasse, and Sir Arthur Chance upon receiving the honour of Knighthood at the hands of His Majesty the King, which were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

TORONTO MEETING.

The consideration of the desirability or otherwise of the formation of a Section for Physical Therapeutics was referred to the officers of the Therapeutic Section.

LISBON MEDICAL CONGRESS.

The Treasurer, Professor Byers, and Mr. George Jackson were appointed delegates to attend the forthcoming International Medical Congress to be held at Lisbon from April 19th to 26th, 1906.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The seven candidates whose names appeared on the circular convening the meeting were duly elected members of the British Medical Association.

JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee having been received, it was moved by the TREASURER, seconded by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, and agreed

That the accounts for the quarter ending December 31st last, amounting to £11,161 0s. 5d., be received and approved, and the Treasurer be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid, amounting to £3,364 11s. 4d.

That a small Advisory Committee be appointed, consisting of Professor Cushny, Professor Wyndham Dunstan, F.R.S., and Mr. R. H. Kinsey, to assist the Editor in deciding what proprietary preparations should be noticed in the editorial columns of the JOURNAL. That Dr. Dawson Williams act as Secretary.

That it be an instruction to the officers concerned that in future all the "copy" for the *Year Book* be furnished by December 1st, and the *Year Book* be published on December 15th.

That Mr. J. Lynn Thomas, C.B., be elected to the Journal and Finance Committee vice Mr. W. Jones Morris, deceased.

That a grant of £100 be made to the Chloroform Committee.

PREMISES AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Premises and Library Committee be received.

The following resolutions were duly approved by the Council at its meeting on December 13th, 1905:

1. That the Strand and Agar Street houses be demolished, and that the site be dealt with as a whole for the building of new premises up to a height of six stories.
2. That the whole of the ground floor and basement of the new premises be provided with separate entrances so that they may be let off at an estimated rent of £3,000 per annum.
3. That no special Council Room be provided, but the Library be so constructed that it may be conveniently used for meetings of the Council.
4. That the preparation of the plans for the new premises be thrown open to a limited competition, and that six architects be invited by the Committee to compete.
5. That a premium of 100 guineas and 50 guineas be offered to the first and second competitor respectively, and that an assessor be appointed to determine the relative merits of the plans submitted.

Moved by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, seconded by Dr. BRADSHAW, and resolved:

That the report as to the accommodation required be approved, and that the Committee be empowered to invite competition for the erection of new premises, in accordance with the particulars contained therein.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee (with the Chairmen of Committees) having been received, the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That four more clerks be sanctioned for the Medical Secretary's department, to be appointed as required.
2. That the clerks of the central office be arranged in classes for the purposes of promotion and increase of salary.
3. That all clerks be recommended for appointment by the head of each department. Appointments shall be made by the General Secretary and Manager acting under the directions of the Journal and Finance Committee.
4. That all questions of promotion and increase of salary be recommended by the heads of departments and determined by the Chairman of Council and Treasurer in consultation with the General Secretary and Manager, and with reference to the Journal and Finance Committee, when necessary.
5. That all clerks be paid by the General Secretary and Manager.
6. That the Editor, the General Secretary and Manager, and the Medical Secretary be paramount in their respective departments. In all matters where expenditure is involved the General Secretary and Manager should be consulted, and if he object no further steps should be taken without the sanction of the Chairman of Council and Treasurer, who would, at their discretion, refer the matter to the Finance Committee.
7. That the Journal and Finance Committee annually present to the Council a detailed report upon the office staff in the various departments.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Organization Committee having been received:

NEW BRANCHES SANCTIONED.

On the motion of Mr. VERRALL, the following resolutions were agreed upon:

That a Branch be sanctioned composed of the members of the Association resident in Egypt.

That the members of the Association resident in the Province of Saskatchewan be constituted a Branch of the Association, having the name of the Saskatchewan Branch.

PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW.

With reference to the following minute of the Representative Meeting, referred by the Council to the Organization Committee:

Minute 185.—"That the Representative Meeting be given power to elect not less than four nor more than six members of the Central Council."

It was resolved:

That the Council submit the following draft By-law for the consideration of the next Representative Meeting:

> That the Representative Meeting shall have power to elect annually not more than six members of the Central Council.

That the Council report to the Representative Meeting that election under this By-law should be made subject to the same limitations as to duration of office as affect members of the Council elected by Branches, and that the Organization Committee be authorized to draft a By-law for submission to the Representative Meeting making such provision.

GROUPING OF COLONIAL BRANCHES, 1906-7.

That the Colonial Branches already existing be grouped for representation on the Council for the year 1906-7 in the same manner as for the year 1905-6, and that the new Egypt Branch be grouped with the Malta and Gibraltar Branches, and the Saskatchewan Branch with the Toronto, Manitoba, and British Columbia Branches.

DRAFT CHARTER AND REGULATIONS.

That the Council authorize the Organization Committee to transmit the draft Charter and draft regulations thereunder direct to the Divisions as soon as prepared by them; that the Divisions be requested to give notice of any amendments that they desire to move not later than March 31st; that the draft be considered by the Council at its April meeting.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Hospitals Committee having been received, on the consideration of a recommendation asking for authority to carry out the resolution of the Joint Hospitals Committee to circulate certain printed matter to the Boards of Management and members of hospital staffs at an expense not exceeding £50,

An amendment was moved by Mr. DOMVILLE, seconded by Dr. FOX:

> That in consenting to allow the sum of £50 for the circulation of the recommendations of the Joint Hospitals Committee, this Council does not commit itself to the approval of the recommendations, and that a rider to this effect be appended to the recommendations.

The amendment having been put from the Chair, was declared carried (13—8).

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL then put the original recommendation of the Hospitals Committee, sanctioning the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £50, together with the rider of Mr. Domville, which was declared to be carried as a substantive resolution.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Irish Committee having been received, it was resolved:

That Dr. Kenny's name be added to the Poor-law Subcommittee.

ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Ethical Committee having been received, it was resolved:

That the Rule submitted by the Gateshead Division be approved.

On the motion of Mr. KINSEY, seconded by Dr. GOYDER, it was resolved:

That the travelling expenses be defrayed from central funds of all persons attending at the request of the Central Ethical Committee for the purpose of giving evidence in the investigation of cases of proposed expulsion or other cases coming before the Committee.

That in the opinion of the Council the proposal of the Scottish Committee would unduly restrict the work of the Central Ethical Committee, but that the principle formulated by the Central Ethical Committee, as the result of the previous consideration of this matter on March 18th, 1904, be recommended as practicable:

> That ethical questions concerning individual members of the profession, where the facts are in dispute, should in the first instance be referred by the Editor, or by the Ethical Committee, to the Division within the area of which the practitioner affected resides, and that no comments thereon should appear in the JOURNAL until the local report has been received and considered.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Scottish Committee having been received, it was moved by Dr. BRUCE GOFF, seconded by Dr. BUIST, and resolved:

That the Council is of opinion that in small districts as long as unselected lists of medical names appear as part of a directory in a newspaper no action is called for. The Council is also of opinion that any practitioner who objects to his name appearing in the list can use his influence with the editor of the newspaper to have it withdrawn.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Medico-Political Committee having been received, it was resolved:

That if a Bill be introduced into Parliament, as proposed by the Spectacle-makers' Company, to create a specially privileged class of sight-testing opticians, proper steps be taken to oppose it.

That such steps be taken as may be found practicable with a view to maintaining the efficiency of the vaccination laws.

MATTERS POSTPONED.

The notices of motion, standing in the names of Dr.

T. Arthur Helme and Dr. Brassey Brierley respectively, were postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Also a letter relative to a proposal to hold in London a Section for Tropical Medicine, as to which Dr. Griffiths handed in formal notice of motion.

The Council rose at 5.45 p.m.

Proceedings of Committees.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Medico-Political Committee was held at the office of the Association on Wednesday, January 3rd, when there were present: Dr. R. C. BUIST (in the chair), Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Mr. H. W. Armit, Dr. T. Arthur Helme, Dr. H. A. Latimer, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. C. H. Watts Parkinson, Dr. Cecil E. Shaw, Mr. C. R. Straton.

NEW MEMBER.

Dr. Helme, having been appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. Jones Morris, was elected by the Committee a member of the Midwives and Parliamentary Subcommittees.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS.

The Medical Secretary was instructed to supply, for the use of those Division Secretaries who might apply for them, reprints of the memoranda and questions submitted to candidates for Parliament and addressed envelopes for issue, with the replies of the candidates (printed locally) to all practitioners within the area of each constituency.'

MIDWIVES ROLL.

With reference to Minute 206 (*a*) of the Representative Meeting at Leicester as follows:

(*a*) That as no adequate provision is made for excluding ignorant women, the most fruitful causes of septic infection, up to the year 1910; and that as no adequate provision is made to ascertain that those put on the *Register* have any skill whatever, these should not be placed upon the same *Register* as those later ones who have presumably had some training, or, at any rate, have passed an examination.

It was decided on the recommendation of the Midwives Subcommittee to report to the Representative Meeting that the Midwives Roll could not conveniently be printed in two parts, and that the desired object was sufficiently attained by showing the qualification by virtue of which a midwife was registered in a separate column, as was already done by the Central Midwives Board.

PAYMENT OF MEDICAL MEN CALLED TO ASSIST MIDWIVES.

The Medical Secretary was instructed to make inquiry of medical officers of health as to the action, if any, which their respective authorities were taking, under Section 133 of the Public Health Act, in order to provide for the payment of medical men called to assist midwives.

As the result of the further consideration of the minute of the Representative Meeting concerning a scale of fees for the payment of medical practitioners called to assist midwives, the Midwives Subcommittee presented a report containing the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Committee:

(*a*) That the Medico-Political Committee report to the Divisions that any legislation promoted or recommended by the Association with respect to the payment out of public funds of medical practitioners called to assist midwives should be in the form of conferring power on local authorities to pay or guarantee fees, and should not include any provision by schedule or otherwise specifying the fees to be paid.

(*b*) That the schedule of fees should be prescribed by the Local Government Board.

(*c*) That the scale adopted by the Metropolitan Counties Branch be recommended to the Divisions as a basis for adoption, subject to such modifications as may be necessary to meet local requirements.

With reference to the question of suitable fees to be paid to medical practitioners who may be called upon to act as inspectors of midwives, referred by the Committee to the Midwives Subcommittee, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Subcommittee, that to the Memorandum to the Divisions already ordered to be sent be added a paragraph to the following effect:

(*a*) That attention be drawn to the resolution of the Central Council that inspectors of midwives should be registered medical practitioners.

(*b*) That the Committee has been asked to advise as to suitable fees for the purpose, but that in the opinion of the Committee these must depend upon local circumstances.

(*c*) That the Divisions should therefore be prepared to advise any of their members by whom they may be consulted upon the matter.

CONTRACT PRACTICE SUBCOMMITTEE.

The report of the Contract Practice Subcommittee was received.

It was resolved:

That the scheme for a Central Emergency Fund prepared by the Contract Practice Subcommittee be approved, and that immediate publication in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL be authorized.[1]

The report of the Contract Practice Subcommittee with respect to disputes at Ebbw Vale, Blaenavon, and Macclesfield was approved, and the action contemplated with respect to the formation of a Public Medical Service at Darlington and other neighbouring towns mentioned was also approved.

The Committee approved as a precedent the action taken in the matter of the appointment of a public vaccinator to fill a vacancy due to harsh dismissal of the previous officer.

DEPUTATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

The CHAIRMAN of the Public Health Committee reported that a deputation had waited upon the President of the Local Government Board, on November 30th, with reference to the Public Health (Security of Tenure) Bill, but that in view of the change of Government it would now be necessary to arrange for another deputation.

DRAFT CLAUSE FOR INCLUSION IN THE MEDICAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

A report was received from the Medical Secretary on the present position of negotiations with the Pharmaceutical Society concerning the insertion in the Medical Acts Amendment Bill of a saving Clause with reference to chemists, and it was resolved that the following clause be inserted in the final draft of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill:

Nothing in this Act shall affect or modify the provisions of the Pharmacy Acts, 1862 to 1898, or render illegal any act or thing authorized by the said Acts to be done by any person in connexion with pharmacy.

INTRODUCTION BY THE SPECTACLEMAKERS' COMPANY OF A BILL INTO PARLIAMENT.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported information received as to the proposal of the Spectaclemakers' Company to introduce a Bill into Parliament to create a specially privileged class of sight-testing opticians, and it was resolved that such a Bill if introduced should be opposed.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of this Committee was held in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on January 6th, at 3 p.m., when there were present: Professor BYERS (Belfast), in the chair; Dr. R. B. Carey (Borris, co. Carlow), Dr. James Craig (Dublin), Dr. J. S. Darling (Lurgan), Dr. Joseph Giusani (Cork), Dr. J. M. Kenny (Granard), Dr. P. G. Lee (Cork), Dr. D. J. O'Connor (Cork), Dr. Cecil Shaw (Belfast), Dr. Denis Walshe (Graigue, co. Kilkenny), and Professor White (Dublin). The minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended, and confirmed as amended.

NEW MEMBER.

The HONORARY SECRETARY notified the election by the Leinster Branch of Dr. J. M. Kenny (Granard) as a member of the Committee.

POOR-LAW COMMISSION.

The HONORARY SECRETARY read correspondence in connexion with the formation of the Subcommittee. It was resolved to enter the two following letters on the minutes, and to agree to the request of the Poor-law Association for eight representatives on the Subcommittee.

[1] SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Jan. 6th, 1906, p. 6.

POOR-LAW ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

Castlecomer,
Co. Kilkenny,
December 10th, 1905.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 24th ult., which came before our Committee, I beg to say that the Poor-law Association of Ireland will be most happy to co-operate with the B.M.A. and the I.M.A. on the subject of Poor-law Reform. I am, however, to state that in the opinion of the Committee, and on account of the large number of classes of officers concerned in the Poor-law Association, it should have a representation of at least eight members, and the following were suggested as the representatives:

Dr. Patrick Donnellan, Castlerea; Dr. Richard Marlay Blake, Ravensdale; Dr. T. H. Moorhead, Cootehill; Messrs. J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Union, Baltinglass; D. J. Purcell, Clerk of Union, Nass; James Dooley, Master of Workhouse, North Dublin; Nicholas O'Carroll, Master of Workhouse, Ballinasloe; and Michael Connolly, Relieving Officer, Athenry.

If your Committee agree to this, please let me know when and where the conference is to take place, so that I can duly apprise representatives.

Yours very truly,
DENIS O'CARROLL,
Secretary.

Professor White,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Dublin.

IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin,
January 4th, 1906.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of November 24th, 1905, was read at the meeting on the 2nd instant, and the following resolution was passed:

"That the Committee of Council be requested to nominate four members of the Association to act in conjunction with the Irish Branch of the British Medical Association and the Poor-Law Association in reference to the Royal Commission on the working of the Poor Law."

I am also to add that Dr. Donnelly, to whom your letter was addressed, was under the impression that he had acknowledged its receipt.

I am, yours faithfully,
THOMAS GICK,
Secretary.

Professor White,
Hon. Sec.
Irish Committee,
British Medical Association.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

That in the opinion of the Irish Committee of the British Medical Association it is absolutely necessary, owing to the intricacy and importance of the subject to be inquired into, that an Irish medical man who is not a Government official should be added to the Poor-Law Commission,

and recommended that copies be sent by the Medical Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Secretary for Ireland, and the President of the Local Government Board for England.

CORONERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The following additions to the Bill were proposed by Dr. WALSHE and seconded by Dr. GIUSANI, and unanimously agreed to:

That Section XXXII of the Coroners Act, 9 and 10 Vict., c. 37, be and hereby is repealed.

Provided also that, when upon death, illness, absence on sick leave, incapacity, or removal of any such coroner, the coroner of the adjoining district in the same county who shall be called upon to act as coroner in said vacant district, shall, for each inquest and for each adjourned inquest held by him in the said district, be paid, in addition to the sum of two pounds already allowed him under Section 3, 44 and 45 Vict., c. 35, mileage for each mile travelled, going to and returning from each such inquest or adjourned inquest, at the rate of sixpence per mile for each mile which he may have travelled in order to hold such inquest or adjourned inquest.

NOTIFICATION TO DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

It was unanimously resolved:

That in order to give Divisions and Branches the opportunity of submitting questions for the consideration of the Committee, a circular be sent before each meeting of the Committee to the Secretaries of the various Divisions and Branches in Ireland.

Resolved: That Dr. Kenny's name be added to the Poor-law Subcommittee.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Committee was fixed for Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Scottish Committee was held in the Station Hotel, Stirling, on Tuesday, December 19th, 1905, when there were present; Dr. BRUCE GOFF (in the chair), Dr. R. Cochrane Buist, Dr. R. Balfour Graham, Dr. R. McKenzie Johnston, Dr. J. E. Moorhouse, Dr. A. Trotter, Dr. Norman Walker.

The minutes of the Poor-law Subcommittee were received and approved.

The following recommendations were adopted:

The Committee are of opinion that in small districts as long as unselected lists of medical names appear as part of a directory in a newspaper no action is called for. The Committee are also of opinion that any practitioner who objects to his name appearing in the list can use his influence with the editor of the newspaper to have it withdrawn.

That in future complaints as to unprofessional conduct in Scotland should not be considered by the Central Ethical Committee until they have been reported on through the Secretary of the local Branch.

ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Ethical Committee was held at the office of the Association on December 15th, 1905. Mr. R. H. KINSEY in the chair. The other members present being Dr. J. Ford Anderson, Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. R. L. Langdon Down, Mr. W. D. Spanton.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS BY NON-MEMBERS.

The Committee approved the reply which had been given to an inquiry from the Honorary Secretary of a Branch, advising that, though a non-member could not claim of right that the Association should consider a complaint from him against a member, there was nothing to prevent the Association, through any Division or Branch, from investigating at its discretion a question raised as to the conduct of a member. It was further advised that the inquiry could, as a rule, be carried out more conveniently in the first instance by a Division than by a Branch.

PROPOSED EXPULSION OF A MEMBER.

The consideration of the recommendation of a Branch that a member of the Branch be expelled from the Association was deferred to a special meeting, which the member concerned and Representatives of the Division and Branch were to be requested to attend.

ASSISTANCE IN DIVISIONAL INVESTIGATION.

The Committee approved the action of the Chairman in attending at the request of a Division, with the Medical Secretary, to assist the Division in investigating a case of special difficulty.

TRADE AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS AND NEWSPAPER NOTICES.

The Medical Secretary's report as to trade advertisements brought under notice since the last meeting, and as to newspaper notices dealt with since the last meeting, was received and approved.

DIVISION RULES.

The following Rule submitted by the Gateshead Division was considered:

When a practitioner is called to an urgent case, either of sudden or other illness, accident or injury, in a family usually attended by another, and is so informed, unless his further attendance is desired in consultation, when the emergency is provided for on the arrival of the attendant in ordinary, he should resign the case to the latter; but he is entitled to charge the family for his services.

The Council was recommended to sanction the adoption of the Rule by the Division.

WARNING NOTICES BY THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL AGAINST CANVASSING AND ADVERTISING.

A communication was read from the General Medical Council stating the result of the application from the British Medical Association, made on the recommendation of the Central Ethical Committee, that a warning notice be issued against canvassing and advertising, the decision of the General Medical Council being to issue a warning notice.[1]

[1] BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 9th, 1905, p. 1544.

The Committee expressed satisfaction at the result of the representations of the Association in the matter.

Another meeting of the Committee was held on Friday, January 5th, when there were present: Mr. R. H. KINSEY (in the Chair), Dr. H. Langley Browne (Chairman of Council), Dr. J. Ford Anderson, Mr. H. A. Ballance, Dr. A. G. Bateman, Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. R. Langdon Down, Mr. W. D. Spanton.

PURCHASE OF PRACTICES.

The Committee approved the reply which had been given to an inquirer, to the effect that there is no objection to the purchase or sale of medical practices, apart from special regulations affecting those who hold certain diplomas.

ADVERTISING BY A FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

A communication was read from a practitioner, concerning whom a complaint had been considered at the last meeting of the Committee, in respect of alleged advertising by a Friendly Society of which he was surgeon, and who now forwarded for the information of the Committee a copy of an undertaking by the Friendly Society not again so to advertise his name.

The undertaking was accepted as satisfactory.

WARNING NOTICE AS TO APPOINTMENTS.

The Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Contract Practice Subcommittee (*a*) that the heading of the warning notice in the JOURNAL should be henceforth: "Appointments Vacant: Warning Notice" instead of "Contract Practice and other Appointments"; and (*b*) as to the desirability of a standing reference to this notice in some conspicuous position in the JOURNAL.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF WITNESSES.

A communication from a Division, inquiring whether the expenses of representatives of the Division attending an inquiry in compliance with the request of the Committee would be defrayed from the central funds of the Association, was considered, and it was resolved:

That it be recommended to the Council that the travelling expenses be defrayed from central funds of all persons attending at the request of the Central Ethical Committee for the purpose of giving evidence in the investigation of cases of proposed expulsion or other cases coming before the Committee.

MEDICAL OFFICERS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES.

A complaint from a member with respect to the alleged unprofessional action of the medical officer of an insurance company was considered. After consideration of the circumstances, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

(*a*) That having regard to the explicit statement, in Dr. B.'s first letter, of the conditions under which he asked for the information, namely (*a*) that the matter was settled as affecting the company, and (*b*) that the particulars were desired only for Dr. B.'s private records, he ought not to have asked Dr. A. subsequently for information about the case for the use of the company.

(*b*) That Dr. A. would have been guilty of violating his professional obligation to his patient's family had he, otherwise than at their request, divulged, either to the company or to any one for the use of the company, the confidential information obtained by him as the medical attendant of Mr. X.

(*c*) That the explicit statement of Dr. B., that the claim had been passed, is, in the opinion of the Committee, contradicted by his second letter and by the letter of the company's manager to Dr. A. The Committee notes that Dr. B. does not state that he made no suggestion to the manager which might have led him to apply to Dr. A. to "amplify his certificate." The Committee considers that an explanation should be given as to how the difficulty spoken of by the company's manager arose, which led to the reopening of a question stated by Dr. B. to have been settled.

CANVASSING AND ADVERTISING IN CONNEXION WITH A DISPENSARY.

The Committee considered a complaint as to alleged canvassing and advertising, (*a*) by a provident dispensary, and (*b*) by a former medical officer of the same dispensary, and it was resolved:

That, with regard to the dispensary, it be left to the Chairman, Medical Secretary, and Solicitor, in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the Division concerned, to take such action as may be found desirable.

It was further resolved to draw the attention of the former medical officer of the dispensary to the warning notice of the General Medical Council.

ADVERTISEMENTS OF HOME FOR INEBRIATES.

The CHAIRMAN reported the action taken by himself, with the Editor and Medical Secretary, in pursuance of a minute of the Committee on December 15th, 1905.

The Committee expressed satisfaction with the undertakings given by the proprietor of the home.

ADVERTISING OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BY NEWSPAPERS.

The following resolution of the Scottish Committee on a question remitted to it by the Ethical Committee on October 6th was considered, and the Ethical Committee expressed its concurrence therein:

That with reference to the question of advertising by the newspapers themselves of the names of medical practitioners in Scotland, the Committee find on inquiry that the practice is not common—only three instances having been ascertained. The Committee are of opinion that in small districts, as long as unselected lists of medical names appear as part of a directory, no action is called for. The Committee are also of opinion that any practitioner who objects to his name appearing in the list can use his influence with the editor of the newspaper to have it withdrawn.

The consideration of the case which had given rise to the reference to the Scottish Committee, and had been deferred in the meantime, was resumed, and it was resolved:

That in the opinion of the Committee the publication of the names of medical practitioners in newspapers in the circumstances brought to the notice of the Committee in the present case is undesirable, but that, as the practice has been permitted by the profession in the district for so long a period, the Committee is not prepared to condemn any individual in respect thereof.

ETHICAL CASES IN SCOTLAND.

The following resolution of the Scottish Committee was considered:

That in future complaints as to unprofessional conduct in Scotland should not be considered by the Central Ethical Committee until they have been reported on through the Secretary of the local Branch.

It was resolved:

That in the opinion of the Ethical Committee the proposal of the Scottish Committee would unduly restrict the work of the Central Ethical Committee, but that the principle formulated by the Central Ethical Committee, as the result of the previous consideration of this matter on March 18th, 1904, be recommended as practicable.

"That ethical questions concerning individual members of the profession, where the facts are in dispute, should in the first instance be referred by the Editor, or by the Ethical Committee, to the Division within the area of which the practitioner affected resides, and that no comments thereon should appear in the JOURNAL until the local report has been received and considered."

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Organization Committee was held at the office of the Association on December 12th, 1905, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL in the chair, Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. Alfred Cox, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, Professor A. H. White.

CONNAUGHT BRANCH.

An interim report from the Irish Committee was received, informing the Committee of the active steps which were being taken to organize the Connaught Branch.

MEDICAL SECRETARY'S VISITS TO DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Committee approved the report of the Medical Secretary on visits to Divisions and Branches since the last meeting.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF AN EGYPTIAN BRANCH.

The Committee decided to recommend the Council to approve the formation of a Branch composed of members of the Association resident in Egypt.

FORMS OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

Forms of annual reports of Divisions to Branches and of Branches to the Central Council were considered, and after slight emendation approved.

DIVISION AND BRANCH FINANCE.

The Committee approved, with slight modification, a draft of an inquiry form to Divisions and Branches, as to the present system of Division and Branch finance.

ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS.

The Committee recommended the Council to adopt certain draft alterations of by-laws referring to the representation of the Representative Meeting on the Central Council, and as to grants to Branches and Divisions prepared by the Committee for submission to the next Representative Meeting in pursuance of the resolutions of the Representative Meeting at Leicester.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Hospitals Committee was held at the office of the Association on December 21st, 1905, when there were present: Dr. M. BEVERLEY (Chairman) in the chair, Dr. H. Langley Browne (Chairman of Council), Dr. J. Ford Anderson, Dr. John R. Hamilton, Dr. E. B. Hastings, Dr. F. M. Pope, Dr. Lauriston E. Shaw, and Mr. E. F. White.

FEES FROM HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

The Committee approved advice which had been given on the subject of charges for treatment made to patients at a special hospital, namely, that the Division concerned should take action with a view to maintaining the principle laid down by the Association that no charge for the treatment of any hospital patient should be made.

CIRCULATION OF PROPOSALS FOR HOSPITAL REFORM.

The Committee recommended the Central Council to approve the circulation to hospital boards throughout the country of the findings of the Joint Committee which had been sitting during the autumn composed of representatives of the Association and non-medical members of hospital boards nominated by the conference in March last.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN.

The CHAIRMAN having intimated his inability for personal reasons to continue in that office, the Committee accepted with much regret his resignation of the office in which he had rendered such great services to the Association, and deferred until its next meeting the appointment of a successor.

PREMISES AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Premises and Library Committee was held at the office of the Association on January 9th. Mr. ANDREW CLARK, and afterwards Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE (Chairman of Council) took the chair. The other members present were: Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Dr. Edgar Barnes, Dr. J. H. Galton, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. E. Rayner, and Dr. E. Markham Skerritt.

GRANT OF DUPLICATE BOOKS TO DIVISIONS.

Applications from the Divisions and Branches for a copy of the Duplicate List of the Central Library were considered, and the Librarian was instructed to forward the Duplicate List of Books in the order of receipt of application, and to request the Division Secretary to return the Duplicate List within fourteen days.

The General Secretary was instructed to prepare regulations for the consideration of the Committee, setting forth that all duplicate volumes acquired by the Divisions or Branches from the Central Library remain the absolute property of the Association.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Library accounts for the quarter were received and recommended for payment.

The LIBRARIAN reported that there had been 1,575 attendances in the Library during the last three months of 1905, as compared with 1,556 in the corresponding period of 1904. He also reported that a complete series of the *Thèses de Lyon* for 1904-5 (180 *Thèses*) and 83 of the new session (1905-6) of the *Thèses de Paris* had been received, and read a list of the books presented and purchased for the Library.

THE REBUILDING OF THE ASSOCIATION PREMISES.

The Committee considered the steps to be taken as the result of the resolutions passed by the Council on December 13th, 1905, as to the rebuilding of the premises of the Association, and a special Building Subcommittee was appointed to supervise and settle all arrangements in connexion with the new building.

JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Journal and Finance Committee was held at the office of the Association on January 10th, when there were present: Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE (Chairman of Council) in the chair, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S. (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Dr. Edgar G. Barnes, Dr. W. A. Carline, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. J. H. Galton, Dr. J. Groves, Mr. R. H. Kinsey, Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Dr. Edwin Rayner, Dr. E. Markham Skerritt, Mr. T. Jenner Verrall.

PROPRIETARY PREPARATIONS.

A memorandum from the Editor on proprietary preparations was received and adopted, and a small Advisory Committee, consisting of Professor Cushny, Professor Wyndham Dunstan, F.R.S., and Mr. R. H. Kinsey, was appointed to advise the Editor, with Dr. Dawson Williams as Secretary.

CHLOROFORM COMMITTEE.

It was recommended that a grant of £100 be made to the Chloroform Committee.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

It was recommended that the Hospitals Committee be empowered to incur an expenditure not exceeding £50 for the purpose of circulating certain printed matter to the Boards of Management and members of hospital staffs throughout the country.

FINANCE.

The accounts for the quarter having been submitted and explained by the TREASURER, it was recommended that he be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid.

NEW MEMBER.

The Committee recommended that Mr. J. Lynn Thomas, C.B., be nominated to the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. W. Jones Morris.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

COVENTRY DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on December 6th, 1905.

Acute Rheumatism.—Dr. J. ORTON read a paper on the pathology of acute rheumatism; this was followed by a paper by Dr. KENDERDINE on the clinical characteristics of acute rheumatism. Dr. WYNN of Birmingham opened the discussion, which was followed by an interesting account of the bacteriology of acute rheumatism, and illustrated his remarks by specimens and slides. The subsequent discussion was joined in by Drs. MILNER MOORE, HAWLEY, WEBSTER, MCGLASHAN, WEBB FOWLER, SNELL, and the CHAIRMAN. Drs. ORTON and KENDERDINE replied.

Charges for Private Midwifery Cases.—Dr. MCGLASHAN proposed the following proposition:

> That the minimum charge for private midwifery cases in the area of the Division shall be one guinea; and when in exceptional circumstances this amount is not forthcoming, the medical services shall be given gratis.

This was seconded by Dr. RICE. To this Dr. CALLAGHAN proposed the following amendment:

That the minimum charge for normal midwifery cases in the area of the Division shall be one guinea, and that an extra fee be charged for instrumental delivery.

This amendment, not being seconded, was withdrawn. Dr. J. ORTON then proposed the following amendment:

That the minimum charge for midwifery cases except parish cases in the area of the Division *should* be one guinea.

This was seconded by Dr. WEBB FOWLER, and supported by Dr. WEBSTER. During the discussion which followed, Dr. MCGLASHAN, with the consent of his seconder and the meeting, agreed to modify his original proposition so that it should read:

That the minimum charge for midwifery cases other than parish cases in the area of the Division shall be one guinea.

Dr. J. ORTON'S amendment, on being put to the meeting, was carried. On becoming the substantive resolution, Dr. RICE proposed the following amendment:

That a committee be formed of the members of the Division resident in the areas of the parishes of Foleshill and Bedworth—the areas affected by the resolution—to meet and report to the Division on the subject of the minimum fee desirable.

This was seconded by Dr. MCGLASHAN and supported by Dr. CALLAGHAN. On being put to the meeting this amendment was carried *nem. con.* It was then put as the substantive resolution and carried *nem. con.*

Specimens.—Dr. Bankes Price showed a specimen of dermoid of ovary and ulcerated appendix from the same subject; and also an intra-ocular tumour.

HALIFAX AND NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

A MEETING was held on December 6th, 1905, at the City Council Chamber, Halifax.

Papers.—Dr. R. EVATT MATHERS read a paper on acute otitis media and its treatment. Dr. F. W. GOODWIN read notes on flavouring of medicines.

A further meeting was held on December 20th, 1905.

Papers.—Dr. D. A. CAMPBELL read a paper on aortic regurgitation, exhibiting *post-mortem* specimens. Dr. ROBERT KING read a statistical paper on lobar pneumonia, an analysis of several hundred cases treated in the hospitals at Montreal.

Health Act.—Dr. A. P. REID, Provincial Health Officer, addressed the Branch concerning his work.

Another meeting was held on January 3rd, 1906.

American Medico-Psychological Association.—It was resolved that this Branch concur with the Provincial Government in an invitation to the American Medico-Psychological Association to hold its next annual meeting at Halifax.

Paper.—The PRESIDENT introduced Dr. Wm. Rockwell, of River Hebert, N.S., who read a most interesting case, report and paper, on subdiaphragmatic abscess following operation for appendicitis.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:
SOUTH MANCHESTER DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held on Friday, January 26th, at 3.15 p.m. in the schoolroom of the Holy Innocents' Church, Fallowfield. The meeting was thrown open to every medical man practising in the area of the Division. The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that, out of 121 medical men resident in the district, 89 are members of the Division, 13 are members of other Divisions, 19 are non-members.

Rusholme Provident Dispensary.—The meeting received a report of the action taken in the matter of the recently-established Rusholme Provident Dispensary, including the proceedings before the General Medical Council in November in connexion therewith.

Standard Minimum Rate for Midwifery Cases.—The question of a standard rate for midwifery was discussed, but no resolution adopted in reference thereto.

Contract Practice.—Dr. WILLIS moved, and it was duly seconded:

That in view of the fact that the present system of contract practice fails to carry out the intention of its founders as to the relief of the sick poor, and that such practice is opposed to the best interests of the medical profession, this Division of the British Medical Association is of opinion that the Association should oppose all forms of contract practice except the medical relief afforded by the State through the Poor Law authorities.

Dr. MCDOUGALL moved as an amendment:

That the members of the Division reaffirm the opinions they have already expressed as to contract practice.

The amendment was defeated by 6 to 3. Dr. WILLIS moved as a rider:

That the system of medical relief afforded by the State through the Poor Law authorities requires radical amendment.

The resolution with the rider was carried by 6 to 3.

Warning Notice as to Canvassing and Advertising.—Dr. COTTERILL moved, and it was resolved:

That this Division heartily welcomes the recent announcement of the General Medical Council with reference to canvassing and advertising, and will endeavour to obtain in this district loyal and strict observance of the principles therein involved.

Direct Representatives on General Medical Council.—Dr. J. M. Rhodes, Ivy Cottage, Didsbury, was unanimously selected as a candidate for nomination by the Association as Direct Representative on the General Medical Council.

STOCKPORT, MACCLESFIELD, AND EAST CHESHIRE DIVISION.

AN adjourned meeting was held at the Stockport Infirmary on Thursday, December 22nd, 1905, Dr. A. GODSON, President, in the chair.

Contract Medical Practice.—The recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee as to contract work were considered in conjunction with the paper read by Mr. B. W. Housman at the previous meeting, and the following resolutions were carried *nem. con.* as answers to the recommendations:

1. That experience in Stockport shows that contract work can be dispensed with, and that the energies of all the Divisions should be directed to the abolition of contract work.
2. That this Division views with concern the suggestion for the introduction of a "public medical service," and expresses its regret that such a matter has been brought forward by the Committee, considering that such a scheme is both undesirable and unnecessary.

Condition at Macclesfield.—It was resolved:

That the Medical Secretary be requested to visit Macclesfield, and to advise on the condition there existing.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—It was resolved:

That the memoranda and questions circulated be forwarded to each parliamentary candidate for their consideration and replies.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:
CITY DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held at Salisbury House, E.C., at 4 p.m. on January 18th, Dr. J. W. HUNT in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last general meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Division and Branch Finance.—With reference to a letter from the Medical Secretary on this subject, it was resolved that this matter be referred to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Special Meeting.—At 4.15 the meeting was made a special one to consider a proposal to alter the quorum at general meetings from twelve to six. It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. BEDDOW, and seconded by Mr. F. WALLACE, that the number be eight instead of twelve. This was carried unanimously. The general meeting was then resumed.

Representative on Branch Entertainment Committee.—Mr. F. Wallace was unanimously appointed to represent the City Division.

Annual Representative Meeting.—Mr. F. WALLACE read his report of the business of the Representative Meeting at Leicester. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to him for his services.

Association Library.—Dr. STUART HALLOWS proposed, and Mr. HOPE GRANT seconded, that

The Library Committee be asked to keep the library of the

Association open until 11 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it shall be closed at 1 p.m.

This was carried unanimously.

Facilities for Social Intercourse.—Dr. STUART HALLOWS also proposed and Mr. HOPE GRANT seconded:

That facilities be provided at head quarters for the better social intercourse of members, especially for those visiting London.

This was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. BEDDOW and seconded by Dr. STUART HALLOWS:

That these two resolutions be communicated to the other Divisions of the Branch, with a request to bring them before their Divisions at an early opportunity.

This was agreed to unanimously.

Contract Medical Practice.—Dr. MAJOR GREENWOOD proposed and Dr. STUART HALLOWS seconded:

That the recommendations and conclusions of the Medico-Political Committee on Contract Practice be accepted, but that a rider be added that in the opinion of this Division the question of a wage limit is not so important in London as in the provinces.

This was carried unanimously.

ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.

A MEETING was held at University College Hospital on Friday, January 19th, Dr. FRANCIS J. BUCKELL (Canonbury) in the chair.

Representative on Entertainment Committee.—The Vice-Chairman, Dr. Walter Smith, was appointed to represent the Division on the Entertainment Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—The CHAIRMAN and SECRETARY and Dr. WALTER SMITH gave reports of their canvass of the seventeen candidates for seats in Parliament to represent St. Pancras and Islington.

Measures in Parliament.—After discussion on medical politics, it was resolved on the motion of Dr. BUCKELL:

That this Division urges the Council of the Association to take immediate steps to secure the introduction into Parliament of measures dealing with (*a*) the payment of medical men called in to the assistance of midwives, and (*b*) the security of tenure for medical officers of health and sanitary inspectors.

Lecture.—Dr. KENWOOD (M.O.H. for Stoke Newington) read a lecture on disinfection applied to the rooms of the infectious sick, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

TOTTENHAM DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at the Tottenham Hospital on Friday, January 26th, at 4 p.m. Dr. C. E. HUTT, Chairman, presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Abuse of Out-patient Departments.—Mr. R. F. TOMLIN read a paper on abuse of out-patient departments of hospitals. A very good discussion followed, in which Drs. FORD ANDERSON, WALTER SMITH, FULLER, WINSTON, TRESILIAN, and Mr. CARSON took part. It was proposed by Dr. FULLER, and seconded by Dr. FOGARTY:

That this Division observes with regret that the Hospitals Committee has not referred to the Divisions the resolutions of the Representative Meeting as was promised before October 31st, 1905, bearing on the question of the relation of provident dispensaries to out-patient departments.

This was carried and passed.

It was proposed by Dr. FULLER and seconded by Dr. SHOYER, on the subject now before the meeting—namely, the abuse of out-patient departments of hospitals—

That this Division accept and adopt the decisions of the Hampstead Division as printed in the SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, June 3rd, 1905, which are as follows:

1. That this meeting approves cordially of the twelve principles of reform for hospitals, as issued by the Central Council of the Association.

2. That this meeting, recognizing the grave defects in the conduct of out-patient departments of hospitals, is of opinion that those departments should be chiefly used for consultations and casualties, which, after receiving first aid, shall, if not suitable for hospital treatment, be referred in general terms to general practitioners, provident dispensaries, or the Poor-law relieving officer.

3. That there shall be an organized system of co-ordination between hospitals and provident dispensaries which are approved by the profession, so that the hospitals shall refer to the provident dispensaries suitable cases of those not retained for hospital treatment, and the provident dispensaries shall refer to the hospitals cases for consultation, as well as those requiring hospital treatment and nursing, or specially suitable for purposes of clinical instruction.

4. That cases sent to the hospitals by private practitioners, provident dispensaries, or by Poor-law medical officers for consultation should be exempt from the almoner's inquiries, and should have priority of consideration, with an opinion on the condition of the patient.

These clauses were adopted unanimously by the Division.

Representative on Entertainment Committee.—Dr. J. R. Fuller was elected as Representative of the Division to act on the Metropolitan Branch Entertainment Committee. The meeting then terminated.

WESTMINSTER DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at 20, Hanover Square, on Thursday, January 18th, at 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. BLAND-SUTTON in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Hospital Abuse.—A communication from the Hampstead Division was read drawing the attention of the members to Dr. Ford Anderson's paper on Hospital Abuse, which was published in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 3rd, 1905, and asking for an opinion on the four resolutions passed by the Hampstead Division at the meeting at which this paper was read. It was decided to postpone the consideration of this subject to a future meeting.

Lupus Street Dispensary.—A communication from the Medical Secretary of the Association *re* a complaint received about the Lupus Street Dispensary and a late medical officer of that institution was read. It was decided to postpone this till further particulars had been obtained.

Proposed Conjoint Meeting.—A communication was read from the Wandsworth Division, asking this Division to co-operate for a meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19th, at 3 p.m., at the Battersea Town Hall. It was decided to accept the invitation.

Annual Representative Meeting.—Dr. EWART then presented his report on the Representative Meeting held last year at Leicester, pointing out the chief points of interest and explaining the way he voted on the several motions. The CHAIRMAN proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Ewart. This was carried by acclamation.

The Association and the London General Practitioner.—Mr. J. SMITH WHITAKER addressed the meeting at some length on the Association and the London general practitioner. The CHAIRMAN afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Smith Whitaker for his able and interesting address. This was carried by acclamation. A short discussion then took place during which Dr. FORBES ROSS said he failed to see any hospital abuse. Dr. BRUCE PORTER thought hospital tickets should be given to the medical profession and not to the laity to distribute. Dr. HASLIP sometimes thought the Association attempted too much, and that they should pass one Bill—such as the Medical Acts Amendment Bill—at a time. Dr. DONALD BAYNES severely criticized the action of Guy's Hospital in accepting £6 from rich people for a course of electrical treatment. Dr. MCCANN suggested there should be a mass meeting of the profession to protest against hospital abuse. Dr. WALTER SMITH complained of the action of the New Hampstead Hospital in opening an out-patient department, which he considered quite unnecessary.

Dr. HASLIP drew the attention of the meeting to the fact of members of the resident staff of Charing Cross Hospital having left the institution to inspect dead bodies in the vicinity, and he moved that:

In the opinion of this Division it is not the duty of the resident hospital staff to leave the institution to inspect dead bodies.

This was seconded by Dr. DAUBER and carried. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of Charing Cross Hospital, and to draw his attention to the reported facts and to inquire if this were in accordance with the hospital rules and regulations.

Representative on Entertainment Committee.—Dr. McCANN was elected as representative to act on the Metropolitan Branch Entertainment Committee.

It now being close on the hour of 11, it was decided to postpone the consideration of the remaining subjects for a future meeting.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held on December 1st, 1905, and was adjourned in token of respect for the memory of the late Honorary Secretary, Dr. David Wield.

Resolution.—A resolution expressive of the sympathy and sorrow of the Branch was passed at the meeting held on December 1st, 1905, the feelings of every one present at the meeting being that the late Dr. Wield would be missed greatly by every one.

Election of Officers.—The adjourned meeting was held on December 15th, 1905, when the following officers were elected for 1906: *President:* Dr. Turner. *Vice-Presidents:* Drs. Robertson and Love. *Treasurer:* Dr. Carvosso. *Curator:* Dr. Hawkes. *Council:* Drs. Halford, F. Macdonald, L'Estrange, Whishaw. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. Brockway.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on January 10th, the PRESIDENT (Mr. G. Jackson, F.R.C.S.), in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence.—The PRESIDENT proposed a vote of condolence with Dr. Davy (Vice-President) in the great affliction sustained by him in the death of his wife, and also that the sympathy of members present be extended to him in the serious accident which had subsequently befallen him.

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Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: COVENTRY DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on Tuesday, February 6th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Dr. Phillips will show some clinical cases. (2) Specimen: Aortic Stenosis: Dr. Fenton. (3) Dr. Webster will move that the resolution of June 6th last (that in future no member of the profession in the area of the Division shall apply for the medical officership of a Friendly Society) be rescinded. (4) Dr. H. Brown will move: "That the resolution of March 7th last relating to the minimum fee for Friendly Societies be put in force not later than March 25th, 1906." (5) Dr. Snell will read a note on the operation of the Midwives Act in Coventry in 1905. (6) Report of the Foleshill and Bedworth Committee on the minimum fee desirable in their district for midwifery cases.—E. H. SNELL, Honorary Secretary.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual clinical and pathological meeting of this Branch will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Friday, February 16th. The museum will be open from 11 a.m. onwards. Arrangements are being made for short cliniques and demonstrations by members of the staff in the forenoon. The demonstration of cases will take place at 4 p.m. Members who have patients, specimens, etc., for exhibition are requested to communicate with one of the Secretaries not later than February 7th. Members of the other Scottish Branches are invited to take part in the meeting and to show cases and specimens. The annual dinner will be held in the Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, at 6.30 p.m., Dr. Allan Jamieson, President, in the chair. Morning dress. Dinner ticket 5s.—NORMAN WALKER, 7, Manor Place, and A. LOGAN TURNER, 27, Walker Street, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LEIGH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Scientific Section will be held in the Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, Leigh, on Thursday, February 8th, at 3.30 p.m.—J. CLAY BECKITT, Honorary Secretary, The Lindens, Walmesley Road, Leigh, Lancashire.

LEINSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Lei . r Branch will be held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Saturday, February 3rd, at 4.30 p.m.—ARTHUR H. WHITE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at the North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town Road, N.W., on Friday, February 23rd, at 4 p.m., when Dr. Knowsley Sibley will read a paper on the Treatment of Chronic Constipation.—WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, Honorary Secretary.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH: CLINICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL SECTION.—The next meeting of this Section will be held 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6th, at the Salop Infirmary.—HAROLD H. B. MACLEOD, LEONARD J. GODSON, Honorary Secretaries, Clive House, Shrewsbury.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: DOVER DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel, Dover, on Wednesday, February 14th, at 8 p.m., when Dr. Guy Bellingham Smith, Assistant Obstetric Physician, Guy's Hospital, has kindly consented to read a paper. Particulars later.—F. A. OSBORN, Honorary Local Secretary, Ennismore House, Dover.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—The next clinical meeting of the Division will be held at the Seamen's Hospital (Dreadnought), Greenwich, on Thursday, February 15th, Dr. Guthrie Rankin, M.D., M.R.C.P., in the chair. The hospital is five minutes' walk from Greenwich stations, both L.C. and Dover Railway and S.E. Railway. It can also be reached by electric tram from New Cross. The staff have kindly promised to show cases and provide tea. The hospital will be open to inspection.—H. J. PRANGLEY, Honorary Secretary; A. W. SOPER, Assistant Honorary Secretary.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held on January 25th, at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

Proposed Suggestions for the Guidance of the Medical Advisers of Local Supervising Authorities.

The suggestions made by Mr. Ward Cousins and published in the SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 23rd, 1905, p. 361, were submitted to the consideration of the Board.

Mr. WARD COUSINS pointed out that the successful working of the Midwives Act depended on the co-operation of the local supervising authorities. He knew that the medical officers concerned would be glad to receive suggestions of the kind he proposed, and the Board had already passed certain suggestions for the consideration of local supervising authorities on a previous occasion.

After some discussion it was arranged that the suggestions proposed by Mr. Ward Cousins should be referred to Mr. Fordham, the representative of the Association of County Councils, in order to ascertain whether, in his opinion, they would be acceptable and helpful to the authorities interested in the matter.

The Board's Examinations.

A letter from Dr. Fothergill, on behalf of the Examiners of the Manchester Centre, conveying certain suggestions as to the examination system of the Board was considered; it was decided that a reply should be sent stating that the Board saw no reason for making any alteration.

A letter was read from the Privy Council transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by the guardians of the Lutterworth Union, suggesting the reduction from 20 to 7 of the number of cases qualifying a candidate to enter for the Board's examination. The Board directed that a reply be sent to the Privy Council intimating that the Board did not approve of the suggested reduction.

Certificate of having Attended a Course of Instruction.

A letter was received from Dr. A. J. Wallace asking the Board's opinion as to his right, under certain circumstances, to refuse to sign the certificate of instruction required by the regulations. After some consideration it was held that the matter was one that did not come under the Board's jurisdiction.

Exemptions from the Rules Framed under the Midwives Act.

Rule E. 21, framed under the Midwives Act, provides that nothing in Section E, regulating supervising and restricting the practice of midwives, shall apply to certified midwives exercising their calling in hospitals, workhouses, or Poor-law infirmaries under the supervision of a duly-appointed medical officer. Dr. Eustace Hill, County Medical Officer for Durham, wrote to the Board concerning the extent of the exemption conferred by this rule. The Board directed the Secretary to reply, referring Dr. Hill to the Midwives Act.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL R. W. COPPINGER, M.D., is placed on the retired list at his own request, January 25th. He entered the service as Surgeon, November 12th, 1870; became Staff Surgeon, November 3rd, 1876; Fleet-Surgeon, February 22nd, 1885; Deputy Inspector-General, May 20th, 1896; and Inspector-General, March 13th, 1901. Whilst Surgeon, Dr. Coppinger served in the Arctic Expedition in 1875-6, for which he was promoted and received the Arctic medal. He is the author of the *Cruise of the "Alert" in Patagonian and Polynesian Waters, 1885.*

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: FREDERICK W. STERICKER, M.B., Fleet-Surgeon, to the *Dryad*, for Navigating School, January 30th; LESLIE C. R. ROBINSON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Foresight*, January 25th; GEORGE O. M. DICKINSON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Forward* (lent), January 25th; JOHN K. ROBINSON, Staff Surgeon, to the *Niobe*, January 29th; PATRICK W. MACVEAN, Surgeon, to the *Skirmisher* (lent), January 29th; MAURICE W. HAYDON, Surgeon, to the *Adventure* (lent), January 29th; RICHARD S. OSBORNE, Surgeon, to the *President*, for three months' course of hospital study, February 6th; ARTHUR LA T. DARLEY, Surgeon, to the *Ganges*, for the *Boscawen II.*, February 6th; JOHN STODDART, Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, January 24th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. W. H. FLANAGAN is placed on retired pay, January 20th. He was appointed Surgeon, August 4th, 1878; Surgeon-Major, August 4th, 1890, and Lieutenant-Colonel, August 4th, 1898. He was with the Southern Afghanistan Field Force in the Afghan war in 1879-80, receiving the medal, and with the Zhob Valley Expedition in 1884.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following gentlemen were successful at the examination for admission to the Indian Medical Service held on January 23rd and the four following days:

	Marks.		Marks.
H. W. Pierpoint, F.R.C.S. ...	3.761	R. H. Lee, M.B.	3.217
W. D. H. Stevenson, M.B. ...	3.548	G. E. Malcomson, M.D. ...	3.178
H. P. Cook, M.B.	3.510	F. P. Wernicke, M.B.... ...	3.111
P. S. Mills, M.B.	3.501	P. Heffernan, M.B.	3.085
K. G. Gharpurey	3.492	W. A. Mearns, M.B.	3.085
W. J. Fraser, M.B.	3.451	D. M. C. Church, M.B. ...	3.081
D. C. V. FitzGerald, M.B. ...	3.353	S. T. Crump	3.074
C. R. O'Brien, M.B.	3.318	H. S. Hutchison, M.B. ...	3.055
R. S. Kennedy, M.B.	3.252	R. G. G. Croly, M.B.	3.034
C. A. Godson	3.249	W. B. A. K. Cullen, M.B. ...	2.988
B. Higham	3.248	J. McG. Skinner, M.B. ...	2.978
N. H. Hume, M.B.	3,222		

Forty-four candidates (twenty-nine of whom had University degrees) competed for the twenty-three vacancies.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT A. E. L. WEAR, M.D., to be Surgeon-Captain, January 16th.

HONORARY SURGEON TO THE KING.

SURGEON-GENERAL L. D. SPENCER, M.D., C.B. (retired), Indian Medical Service, is appointed Honorary Surgeon to the King, vice Surgeon-General J. M. Cunningham, M.D., C.S.I., deceased, January 27th.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,891 births and 4,834 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, January 27th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.3, 16.7, and 15.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 15.9 per 1,000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 8.1 in Smethwick, 9.2 in West Ham, 10.0 in Northampton, 10.8 in Bournemouth, 11.4 in Hornsey and in Aston Manor, and 11.5 in King's Norton, to 20.8 in Stockton-on-Tees, 21.1 in Liverpool, 21.5 in Stockport, 21.6 in Sunderland, 22.2 in Tynemouth, 23.8 in Great Yarmouth, and 24.6 in Preston. In London the death-rate was 15.3 per 1,000, while it averaged 16.2 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.5 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns it ranged upwards to 2.1 in Wolverhampton, in Stockport, and in West Hartlepool, 2.3 in West Bromwich, 2.5 in Leicester and in Burnley, 2.6 in Leeds, 3.2 in Aston Manor, and 3.6 in Preston. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Aston Manor, 1.6 in Wolverhampton and in Leeds, and 2.7 in Preston; scarlet fever of 1.4 in West Hartlepool; diphtheria of 1.2 in Hornsey and 1.4 in Merthyr Tydfil; whooping-cough of 1.2 in Birmingham, 1.5 in Burnley, 1.8 in Leicester, 1.9 in Aston Manor, and 2.1 in Stockport; and "fever" of 1.5 in West Bromwich. No fatal case of small-pox was registered either in London or in any of the large provincial towns, and no small-pox patients were under treatment last week in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals, and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 3,299, 3,062, and 3,066 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had declined again to 2,983 at the end of last week; 322 new cases were admitted during the week, against 291, 257, and 328 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, January 27th, 943 births and 670 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.8, 17.8, and 18.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further rose to 19.6 per 1,000 last week, and was 3.7 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 14.6 in Aberdeen and 17.0 in Leith to 21.1 in Perth and 29.7 in Dundee. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.0 per 1,000 in these towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Dundee. The 296 deaths registered in Glasgow included 25 which were referred to measles, 8 to diphtheria, 4 to whooping-cough, 2 to "fever," and 7 to diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of diphtheria were recorded in Edinburgh; 3 of measles, 2 of diphtheria, 2 of whooping-cough, and 2 of diarrhoea in Dundee; and 2 of measles in Paisley.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, January 27th, 554 births and 378 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 471 births and 342 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 15.3, 21.0, and 17.7 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 18.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 2.9 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 13.6 in Waterford and 16.4 in Limerick, to 21.2 in Dublin and Cork and 23.3 in Belfast. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.9 per 1,000, or 0.4 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure—2.1—being recorded in Cork, while no deaths under this heading were registered in Londonderry and Waterford.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

BRADFORD POOR-LAW UNION. — Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Hospital and Workhouse. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY. — (1) Honorary Physician. (2) Honorary Surgeon, and, if necessary, an Honorary Assistant Physician and an Honorary Assistant Surgeon. (3) Resident Obstetric Assistant. (4) Junior House Surgeon. (5) Resident Casualty Officer. Salary of £50 per annum attached to (4) and (5) and £75 per annum to (3).

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum each.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.—Examiner's remuneration, 7s. 6d. for each candidate examined, with minimum fee of £2 2s. for each examination and travelling expenses.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Surgeon in charge of the Branch Dispensary. Salary, £90 per annum. Junior House Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

DUBLIN: RICHMOND DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Two Clinical Assistants. Salary, £60 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) Assistant Casualty Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. Appointments for six months. Salary, £20, and £2 10s. washing allowance each.

LEEDS: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Clinical Pathologist. Salary, £200 per annum.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Assistant House Physician. Salary, at the rate of £50 per annum.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL. — Senior Male House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND CHEST.—Honorary Surgeon.

MARGATE ROYAL SEA-BATHING HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon, junior for six months and senior for six months. Salary, £80 and £120 per annum respectively.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—Assistant Physician.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Two Visiting Medical Assistants. Salary, £160 for first year and £180 afterwards.

OXFORD, RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY.—(1) House Physician. (2) Junior House Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 and £40 per annum respectively.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Anæsthetist and Curator of Museum.

ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Clinical Assistants.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of £75 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS. — The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacancies in the office of Certifying Factory Surgeons: Dunkinfield, co. Chester; Tuam, co. Galway; Foxford, co. Mayo; Oxford, co. Oxford.

APPOINTMENTS.

BATES, W. R., L.R.C.P. and S.I., District Medical Officer of the Skipton Union.

BRODIE, D., M.B., B.S.Durh., District Medical Officer of the Tetbury Union.

BROUGH, D., M.B., C.M., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Battle Union.

BROWN, W. Langdon, M.D.Cantab., M.R.C.P., Physician to the Metropolitan Hospital.

GARRATT, G. C., M.D., B.C.Cantab., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Singleton District, co. Sussex.

GIBSON, T. H., M.D.Edin., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the East Ward Union.

HERBERT, William, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Third District of the Aylsham Union, vice E. Kennington, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

IVENS, Frances, M.B., M.S.Lond., Surgical Registrar to the Royal Free Hospital.

LEMIN, Oscar E., L.S.A., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

MACFARLANE, W. D., M.B., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

MILLER, W., M.B., Ch.B., District Medical Officer of the Basford Union.

MONTFORD, J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Upton-on-Severn Union.

MORRISON, J. W. H., M.B., B.S.Durh., District Medical Officer of the Gateshead Union.

RAMSDEN, William Bates, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.Vic., Lecturer in Sanitary Chemistry in the Public Health Department of the Victoria University of Manchester.

ROUTLEDGE, R. L., M.B., B.S.Durh., District Medical Officer of the Hexham Union.

SELBY, E. W., M.D.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Doncaster Union.

TELFORD, E. D., B.C.Cantab., F.R.C.S., Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Salford Royal Hospital, vice J. Howson Ray, M.B.Vict., F.R.C.S., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE.

FRANKLING—ASHMALL.—On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Paul's, Portman Square, by the Rev. F. J. Ashmall, Rector of Hickling, Notts, assisted by the Rev. W. Moore, Curate of St. Paul's, Portman Square, Herbert Frankling, of Harrogate, to Florrence, third daughter of the late Joseph Ashmall, of Chorley, Lichfield.

DEATHS.

FOTHERGILL.—Smart Atkinson Fothergill, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., Haswell, Sunderland, co. Durham, died on January 30th, 1906, aged 68 years.

JAMES.—On January 15th, 1906, at Little Billing Rectory, near Northampton, the Rev. David James, M.A.Cambridge, Rector, interred January 19th, 1906, at Little Billing Churchyard. He was the eldest son of the late Dr. Thomas James, of Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, and brother of Dr. J. Brindley James.

WELLER.—On January 25th, at his residence, Mussell Lodge, Heathfield Road, South Croydon, George Weller, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A. (late of Wanstead, Essex).

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 9 p.m.—Lettsomian Lectures on Some Points in the Surgery of the Brain and its Membranes, by Charles A. Ballance, M.S., F.R.C.S. First Lecture: Reminiscences of Dr. Lettsom and Some Points in the Surgery of Meningitis.

OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, 4.30 p.m.—Cases, etc., will be shown by Messrs. Macleod Yearsley, A. A. Gray, L. A. Lawrence, Milligan, Dundas Grant, Whitehead.

TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 5 p.m.—Laboratory meeting at the Lister Institute, Chelsea Gardens. Dr. A. Macfadyen: The Bacteriolytic and Agglutinative Properties of the Serum of Goats inoculated with Typhoid Cell Juice. Dr. Bainbridge and Dr. Leathes: The Fatty Change in the Liver produced by Ligature of the Hepatic Artery. Dr. Dudgeon and Dr. Leathes: The Fatty Change in the Heart caused by Diphtheria Toxin. Dr. MacConkey: Immunization between *B. pestis* and *B. pseudo-tuberculosis rodentium*. Dr. Ledingham: Natural Occurrence of Weil's Disease in the Guinea-pig. Mr. Moon: *Sarcocystis muris*. Demonstrations will, in addition, be given by Dr. C. J. Martin, F.R.S., Dr. Harden, Dr. Barratt, Dr. Marshall, and Dr. Green.

WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Annual meeting. A short communication will be read by Dr. Herbert R. Spencer on A Second Case of Ovariotomy during Labour. Specimens will be shown by Dr. Horrocks, Mr. Targett, and Dr. Handfield-Jones. The President (Dr. Dakin) will deliver the annual address.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C., 4 p.m.—Clinical lecture: Surgery of the Spinal Cord.

THURSDAY.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Dr. Jellett: (1) Advanced Carcinoma of Both Ovaries. (2) Double Pyosalpinx associated with the Presence of a Four Months Extrauterine Fetus. Dr. Bedford Fenwick: Two Cases of Fibroid Uterus complicated by Pregnancy. Dr. H. Macnaughton Jones: A Note on Cysts of the Vagina. Papers: Dr. Jellett: Notes on Two Rare Conditions met with in the Pelvis during Operation. The President's Inaugural Address.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY, Stafford Rooms, Titchborne Street, Edgware Road, 8.30 p.m.—Papers: Mr. Campbell Williams: The Ethics of the Profession in Relation to Syphilis and Gonorrhoea. Dr. J. J. Perkins: Tuberculous Pleurisy—Its Treatment and Diagnosis by New Methods.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.—Clinical evening. Cases will be shown at 8 p.m. by Messrs. Arnold Lawson, G. Coats, Stanford Morton, and others. The chair will be taken at 9 p.m.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, 3 p.m.—Cancer of the Uterus.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—The following papers will be read: Mr. B. G. A. Moynihan: A Review of 59 Cases of Cancer of the Stomach, treated by Operation. Mr. James Sherren: Three Cases of Intestinal Obstruction. Drs. Garrod and Langmead: Associated Malformations.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Surgical Cases.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Pyrexia in Children.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. will be given as follows: Monday, The Therapeutics of some Common Ailments; Tuesday, The Dangerous Sequelae of Suppuration in the Middle Ear (Diagnosis); Wednesday, The Tropical Ailments commonly met with in Britain; Thursday, Abortion and Premature Labour.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Central Out-patient Department, 7, Fitzroy Square, W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Spasmodic Asthma and its Treatment.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Epilepsy; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Syphilis of Nervous System.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital, N.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Demonstration on Delusional Insanity at Colney Hatch Asylum, New Southgate, N.; Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Clinical Lecture on the Diagnostic Value of Referred Pain.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Caxton Street, S.W., Thursday, 5 p.m.—Applied Physiology.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week: Monday, 5 p.m., Mitral Stenosis; Tuesday, 3 p.m., Types of Mental Diseases at the London County Asylum, Claybury, Woodford Bridge, Essex; Wednesday, 5 p.m., Dental Diseases in Relation to General Diseases; Thursday, 5 p.m., Plastic Surgery; Friday, 5 p.m., Cases of Skin Disease.

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3 SATURDAY...	LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3 p.m. LEINSTER BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, 4.30 p.m.
4 Sunday	
5 MONDAY	
6 TUESDAY.....	COVENTRY DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, 8.30 p.m. SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH, Clinical and Pathological Section, Salop Infirmary, 5 p.m.
7 WEDNESDAY	
8 THURSDAY...	LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 5 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, *Leigh Division*, Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Road, Leigh, 3.30 p.m.
9 FRIDAY	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch.*
10 SATURDAY...	
11 Sunday	
12 MONDAY	
13 TUESDAY.....	LONDON: Organization Committee, 10.30 a.m.
14 WEDNESDAY	DOVER DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Grand Hotel, Dover, 8 p.m.
15 THURSDAY...	CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Cardiff. NORWOOD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Seamen's Hospital (Dreadnought).
16 FRIDAY	EDINBURGH BRANCH, Annual Clinical Meeting, Royal Infirmary; Annual Dinner, Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, 6.30 p.m.
17 SATURDAY...	
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18 Sunday	
19 MONDAY	
20 TUESDAY.....	
21 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 3 p.m.
22 THURSDAY...	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Battersea Town Hall, 3 p.m.
23 FRIDAY	ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town Road, N.W., 4 p.m.
24 SATURDAY...	
25 Sunday.....	
26 MONDAY	
27 TUESDAY ...	
28 WEDNESDAY	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bath.
MARCH.	
1 THURSDAY...	SWANSEA DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, General Hospital, Swansea, 3 p.m.
2 FRIDAY	LONDON: Central Ethical Committee, 2 p.m.
3 SATURDAY...	
4 Sunday.....	
5 MONDAY	
6 TUESDAY ...	
7 WEDNESDAY	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Northwich.
8 THURSDAY...	SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH, Cardiff.
9 FRIDAY	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch.*

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